Bar Hill News

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OPEN LETTER

Last month the so-called editor of the newsletter invited the critics of the BHRA and the News to have their say. I don't suppose this letter will get printed but at least it will show all the village 'do-gooders' that some people will speak up.

The thing which has sparked off this letter is the report of the recent debates of the Parish Council about Tescos and Queensway. Once again the council has shown itself to be totally out of touch with the silent majority on the village. Of course we don't want filthy or unsightly industries, or of course we don't want Bar Hill swamped with tatty development but we DO WANT a village which has a residential, commercial and industrial face which attracts people. We will not throw off the third rate image which we have in the rest of the Cambridge area unless we take positive attitudes rather than the sanctimonious nit-picking that we have seen during the past year over Tescos and Queensway.

All of us who have bought property on Bar Hill have known that a superstore and industrial and retail warehousing have been an integral part of the village development since 1966. Anyone who didn't like the idea should have moved somewhere else. The rest of us who came because we wanted to be part of something which was properly planned - even if it is taking years to achieve - rather than live on a soulless housing estate tacked on to an existing village. Bar Hill will never get status until it has shown itself capable of providing a real identity. The "keep them out" attitude of the Residents Association and the Parish Council makes me wonder if they secretly support the views of the David Holbrooks of this world - they don't seem to be on our wavelength. To avoid the lynch mob please keep my name to yourself.

(Name and address supplied)

So-called editor: Ouch!! Well I asked for it ... and got it. I'm off to lick my wounds.

The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Chairman of the Committee:	Gerry Brunning	29 Otter Close	Tel: 81085
Secretary:	Mary Igram	17 Otter Close	Tel: 80447
Treasurer:	George Clapinski	133 Pheasant Rise	Tel: 80996
Membership Secretary	David Price	82 Fox Hollow	Tel: 80186
	Jo Hall	41 Otter Close	Tel: 80304
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MARY'S MEMO

Disco Night

A reminder to all the youngsters on the village ... don't forget the Fool's Disco at the School on April 3rd. Admission 60p for a four-hour (8pm to midnight) disco session.

Flyover

Nice to be able to use the new flyover. The wait (!) has been worth it although the first few days caused problems on the Longstanton side of the bridge. This matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Information Booklet

We hope the booklet will be printed within the next few weeks. When available a copy will be delivered to each house on the village.

Play area

After a long wait we have received planning permission for the play area project, and we hope you may have noticed some early activity on the site near the Green. The digging out of the footings for the climbing wall is due to start shortly and the Association would be grateful to hear from anyone who can lend a hand at weekends or offer any other assistance. Volunteers should contact chairman Gerry Brunning ... he will be delighted to put you to work!

BANKING

As part of the move to encourage more people to transfer their bank accounts to the Bar Hill Branch of the National Westminster, and thereby bring about five day opening on the village, the Association has decided to transfer its account to the Mall.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday April 5th at 7-45pm in the Village Green Hut. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Mary Ingram, Secretary
17 Otter Close. C.H. 80447

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BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Below are some of the matters that arose at our last monthly meeting. I repeat, at the risk of being boring, that these monthly meetings are public ones at which residents are welcome. The notice board on the Mall always has details posted (west side).

1. Elections. For the 11 vacancies on the Council there may be sufficient candidates. It would be preferable to have an excess of candidates and thus an election for the seats.

At present the older parts of the village are providing the majority of candidates. If you are a more recent arrival to the village why not consider standing for the Council. Your committment is about 1 meeting per month, but more if you wish.

If you require nomination forms, I have some, or alternatively the

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S. Camb District Council can help. (My phone is C.H. 80400). Closing day for nominations to be in at S. Camb. District Council is noon on Thursday April 8th.

2. Bookmakers. Planning permission is being sought by B & D Bookmakers for the use of Spit Fixings shop unit in the Mall as a licensed betting shop. The Parish Council have reservations about such an activity and will have tested residents opinions at the Annual Parish Meeting. Please, if you have an opinion about such a use will you contact myself or any Parish Councillor.

3. Village Green. Is that area of grass between the spine path and the School/farm buildings. It does not include the small area to the east of the farm/school. This latter area is for the sole use please of the school children, when at school.

4. District Council. Like the Parish Council elections these elections have the same closing date, namely noon on Thursday April 8th.

5. Keymarkets. Unfortunately there is no buyer at present for the lease.

6. Tescos. Are hoping to start work on the site during May. Obviously the site will not be a good place on which to play, so parents please note.

7. Trees. About 50 more trees have recently been planted, outside the perimeter road and at the Pheasant Rise end of the spine path. My thanks to the few who helped with the tree planting.

8. A604 Interchange-Dualling. Surprisingly the opening of the new traffic arrangements has given rise to much discussion. As was made clear a year ago the interchange was only the first part of a scheme which includes the dualling of the A604 between Lolworth Service Station and the Madingley turn off the A604. As a result we shall be inconvenienced for probably the next 20 months, until the dualling is complete. This inconvenience could get worse as for instance with the "coning-off" of the whole length of the central lane as a safety measure, or when the existing carriageway is broken-up and relaid.

We did advise Longstanton Parish Council a year ago that the existing traffic flow on the B1050 might be interrupted. Such interruption is happening - however when the new carriageway is built it will start as 2 lanes and become 3 lane carriageway when the Bar Hill/Longstanton traffic makes the third lane off the flyover.

Perhaps we can all show some thought for other road users during the next months when the traffic flow may be disrupted.

9. Allotments. The legal title to the land has now passed to the Council. The developers have given the 2½ acres of land to the village for the cost of only their legal fees.

10. Planning.

a. Queensway Warehouses. The Council had strong reservations about this application for a 40,000 sq ft building on the warehouse site. It is thought that the building would be too large and look obtrusive on the site in question; the site is that nearest to the village.

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BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL cont.

b. Carrigas Ltd. They are hoping to build a distribution depot on the warehouse site at the edge nearest the Lolworth Station. We had no objection to the revised application. Carrigas hope to start work soon and be in occupation by Autumn.

Applications - notice is posted on the Mall noticeboard of every planning application of which we receive a copy.

11. The Golf Tournament at the Hotel. As we are unhappy with the advised traffic control arrangements we shall be seeking further information and assurances. Any necessary advice/information will be given to residents.

12. Banking. The Parish Council have supported the local banking by transferring their accounts to the local National Westminster branch. This may help towards providing 5 day banking at Bar Hill, as will the local support given to the Bank by residents.

13. Village Maintenance. As you may have noted the developers have sent maintenance money demands - in part arrears but also for the current year, due 25th December 1975 in advance to 24th December 1976. While it will not be possible to hand over maintenance responsibilities at March 31st (June 30th is the aim) the developers do accept that although the maintenance contribution is due in advance there will be unused money which will be transferable to the Parish Council.

Freeholds of houses will be for sale - the cost should be reasonable, providing that arrears of maintenance money have been paid.

14. Play Equipment. This year we will be buying and erecting small pieces of play equipment, probably to be sited on two play areas that are a distance from the Green. e.g. the edge of Pheasant Rise?

15. Whippet Coaches to St Ives. The full timetable can be seen at the Mall bus stop and also inside the bus shelter at Oatlands Avenue. Eastern Counties are running additional services into the village at present - the service numbers can be seen on the new bus stop near the roundabout. For the present the 151 to Cambridge will not be coming in to the roundabout.

16. Meeting. Tuesday 20th April 1976 at 8pm. All are welcome at the Village Green Hut.

Mark Pettit, Parish Clerk,
28 Acorn Avenue, C.H. 80400

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BAR HILL CHURCH

As announced recently in the 'Cambridge Evening News' a new Free Church Minister has been appointed to serve the Church and community in Bar Hill. She is the Revd. Gladys M Seymour, a single lady in her mid-fifties and a Baptist Minister. At present Miss Seymour is living in Farnham in Surrey and it is hoped that she may be able to take up her appointment in early June. She will live in the Manse at 19 Acorn Avenue. Her appointment is part-time and it is not at present known what other occupation (if any) Miss Seymour will follow. Miss Seymour brings long and wide ecumenical experience and commitment to Christ, having served the Church first in China and then in India before her ordination in 1966 to a pastorate in Markyate, Herts. where she stayed

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for six years. Domestic circumstances prevented Miss Seymour continuing her Ministry for a time but we are fortunate indeed to have such an experienced Minister to join the team at this moment. To some, the appointment of a woman has come as a surprise. Speaking for myself, I welcome the challenge and opportunity which such an appointment presents and I look forward to sharing the Ministry among you with Gladys Seymour and believe that you will offer her as warm a welcome in your hearts and homes as you have given me.

It is possible that Miss Seymour will be able to visit Bar Hill over the weekend 10-12 April. Please look out for further announcement at the Church Centre.

Meanwhile we warmly welcome old and new residents to our worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. We are at present experimenting with the group which meets at 8pm Sunday evenings; details will be posted at the Church.

If I can help you in any way please contact me at the Rectory at Dry Drayton or telephone 80828.

Richard Smart.

The new bookings secretary for the Church Centre is Mrs Sue Pell-Coggins, 28 Gladeside (80246).

Requests for bookings of the Church Centre should be made as far in advance of the event as possible as the Church Meeting wishes to give consideration to every occasional booking.

APRIL 7th Buffet lunch in the Church Centre 12 - 1.30pm. Rolls 5p soup 10p.

APRIL 7th Bible Study, 2.15pm in the Church Centre, 'the only answer' Romans 3 v. 23-26, 6 v. 23, 8 v. 1-4.

APRIL 15th 3 course lunch in the Church Centre 1-2-30pm. Tickets 30p children 15p from Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close, 80304.

APRIL 27th Church Meeting, 8pm Church Centre.

ALLCOMERS

Tuesdays in the Church Centre at 2.15pm. There will be no meeting on April 20th.

Tuesday 6th April 'Guess the advert'

Tuesday 13th April Easter Bonnet Parade 10-11.30am Make your Easter bonnet
2.15pm Easter Parade in the Church Centre

Tuesday 27th April Games afternoon.

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1st BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

Waste Paper

Yes, it's time for us to come round again! Where does the time go to? We will be round with the boys on Saturday 10th April starting as usual at 9 am. Please do try and remember to have your waste paper out by then as I find that I am getting one or two phone calls from people who have seen the van go by, put out their paper, and then found that it has not been collected. Of course, we do miss some, the boys are prone to run for a pile of six papers and fall over one of fifty on the way! I always make a point of driving round the village during the afternoon after the collection and pick up any that I have found that was missed in the morning. If you have any problems, give me a ring on 80570.

Job Week

What some of you will remember as 'Bob a Job Week' is with us once again this month. The boys will be calling during the week of 17th to 24th April asking for work to do and errands to run. In the past the village has always supported Job Week very well and we look forward to another good week this year. Not only does it give the boys a chance to raise some money by their own efforts, it also helps to develop for them a sense of responsibility and achievement. So, look out, look out, there's a Cub Scout about!

Gerry Craske.

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BAR HILL RETIRED RESIDENTS CLUB

We welcome new retired residents to our Club also those interested in our speakers. The Club meets in the Church Centre each 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at 2-30pm. Do come and join us.

April 8th - A meeting of friendship and social afternoon

April 23rd - 'Road safety and the Senior Citizen'. A short film, and a chance to voice our difficulties due to cyclists, cars (either speed or parking), footpaths, road lighting and what we feel need to be placed before Mr W. Anderson from the Road Safety Office.

Mrs I.A. Price, Secretary.

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BAR HILL FERMENTERS GUILD

Our next meeting is Tuesday 13th April, 8-15pm at the School. Mr Bruton, Campaign for Real Ale local branch treasurer and National Executive Committee Chairman will talk on "CAMRA - aims and achievements". Please be there. New members always welcome. Next month- a beer competition.

Alan Brown, C.H. 80467
Norman Chapman, 8 Partridge Drive.
Joint Secretaries

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BAR HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

The Society's A.G.M. was held on March 10th and the following were elected/re-elected to form the committee

D. Lindsey	Chairman
A. Gowen	Secretary
A. Harrison	Treasurer
G. Wilson	Trading Secretary
K. Smith	

Swop a plant

Due to unfortunate circumstances the April lecture on flower growing has had to be cancelled. In it's place, however, we have what can be a very interesting evening. The programme will consist of a 'Plant Exchange' and a 'Gardeners Question Time'. April is the time for dividing border plants and sowing seeds. If you have any plants or seeds left over don't throw them away, bring them along to the meeting and exchange them. You may find a plant there you were unable to obtain elsewhere.

The second part of the programme will be the question time with a panel of 3 knowledgeable gardeners who will answer your questions and solve the problems that arise during your gardening activity. So come along to the school at 8-15pm on April 7th. We look forward to your support.

Tasks for April

With rains and approaching warm weather, weeds and pests will begin to be a problem. Regular hoeing of flower borders will prevent weeds getting a strong-hold and thus making hard work of removing them. Have your spray ready for the onslaught of greenfly and other pests. Pruning of roses should be completed. Spray every 10-14 days with a combined insecticide and fungicide (systemic type) to control pests, Black spot and mildew. Keep a watch out for suckers! Plant out bedding plants and divide established plants which are taking up too much room.

House plants repot or pot on. Whilst they are out of the pot check root system for pests and disease. Pot on your plants if the root system is getting too crowded.

Vegetable growers:- time to plant out early potatoes, sow early peas and dwarf beans (mid April). Cabbage, Savoy and leek - sow in seed bed.

A.E. Gowen, Secretary,
27 Gladeside, C.H. 80280

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8 O'CLOCK CLUB

For members only - BIRTHDAY PARTY April 8th in the School. Please bring glass, knife, fork and spoon.

May Meeting - May 6th we are having a Cookery Demonstration from the Country Centre, and would welcome anyone who would like to come, as we need a large audience.

Mrs B. Page,
17 Almond Grove.

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PLAYGROUP NEWS

Jumble Sale

The Playgroup jumble sale was very successful making a profit of over £40. May we say a big thank you to those people who gave and to those who helped on the stalls.

Fees

We are sorry to have to announce that from next term playgroup fees will be 40p per session. This is a rise of 10p but the fees have not risen for over 18 months and we feel this is quite an achievement in these days of inflation.

Tops

Playgroup are still collecting Persil and Persil Automatic tops in the box at the Church Centre. (We need the whole top with the Persil name on it please).

Easter Event

Don't forget our Easter Coffee morning on Saturday April 10th at 10-30 am. at the School, when there will be bread, hot cross buns, marmalade, cakes, biscuits, plants and clothes for sale.

Sue Medlar, Secretary,
46 Foxhollow.

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BAR HILL SLIMMING CLUB

Why be fat when you could be fit? We are starting a new club on Wednesday April 28th at 7pm. till 8-30pm. in the Health Centre. If you have a battle with the bulges, or just want to shape up for summer, why not come along and join us. Learn how to lose those extra pounds. Cost 10p per session. More details of the programme should be available in the Health Centre soon, or contact Jan Mutch, 26 Otter Gardens, C.H. 80333.

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WEA EVENING CLASSES

Our new local history class starts at the School on Thursday, 29th April at 8pm. This course traces some of the history of the villages which lie north-west of Cambridge, and considers the growth of the university and county town as well. We shall cover such topics as the origins of local place-names, the patterns of settlement shown in Domesday Book, the lives of medieval religious communities, the impact of the Reformation, Civil War and draining of the fens, the coming of turnpike roads and railways, developments in schooling and the care of the poor, and changes in the distribution of population. We shall use copies of documents about many of the subjects under discussion, and members of the class will be encouraged to contribute their own local knowledge and to bring along any items of historical interest.

The 10 week course, with a break for half-term on 3rd June, takes us nicely up to the start of the summer holiday season when the knowledge gained on this course could add a new dimension to your holiday. Even if you didn't come to our meeting on March 24th it's not too late to

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join us. Come along (and bring a friend) and participate in this new venture for Bar Hill.

We have, unfortunately, had to drop our long-running literature class this term through lack of interest or, at least, response to our slip in last month's Bar Hill News. Those interested in the local history (and the other options for the autumn term) responded well so, if you wanted to 'do' literature again this term and didn't return the completed slip, you know who to blame. (Apologies and commiserations to the very few who did).

We will let you know before thr summer break what class (or classes) have been arranged for the autumn term, but in the meantime, join us on Thursday, 29th April for what promises to be a very rewarding course.

Bill Wells, Chairman,
65 Pheasant Rise (80732)
Edith Hamill, Secretary,
23 Acorn Avenue, (80471)

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ROUND AND ABOUT

Dr Barnardo's - the door to door collection, arranged by the Allcomers, raised £58.30. The Cake stall raised a further £2.24. Thanks to all those who helped.

Nearly New - will be held as usual on Tuesday evening April 6th and Wednesday morning April 7th. All items please mark with name, address, price and size, and bring to the Church Centre.

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Reminder - Correspondents are reminded that the final date for copy for the News is the 20th of each month. We regret we cannot guarantee to include items submitted after this date and to avoid inconvenience, disappointment and the possibility of having the news held over until the following month please try to keep to the deadline. Only if you help us can we help you. Thank you. We try to keep editing to a minimum but restrictions on space and various other factors sometimes make it necessary. Where major alterations have to be made the Editor will contact the correspondent or organisation to ensure the corrected material is correct. Minor alterations, amendments and style are matters for the discretion of the Editor.

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